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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 15 and 17 March 1993, there appear to have been eight flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I to this note verbale.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(15-17 March 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed altitude
				[15 Mar: no violations reported]	
480a	16 Mar	11.05	11.15	An unidentified aircraft, probably a helicopter, was detected by AWACS 5 nautical miles West of Mostar airfield. It was tracked until it faded from radar over the town of Surmanci, 6 nautical miles Southwest of the same airfield. This aircraft was re-detected by AWACS at 11.29Z. This is an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 130 kts Low
480b	16 Mar	11.29	11.42	What was probably the same aircraft was detected 12 nautical miles South of Mostar airfield which is East of the town of Visici. It was tracked crossing the border of Bosnia and Herzegovina into Croatia. The aircraft faded from radar 22 nautical miles Southwest of the airfield, over the town of Neum of the Croatian coast. It reappeared on radar at 12.00Z.	Southwest 100 kts Low
480c	16 Mar	12.00	12.09	This is the last correlated AWACS track for the unidentified aircraft in the vicinity of Mostar. It was detected by AWACS over the town of Yard, which is 12 nautical miles Southwest of Mostar airfield. After crossing the border of Bosnia and Herzegovina into Croatia, it faded from radar 19 nautical miles Southwest of Mostar airfield over the town of Opuzen.	Southwest 90 kts Unknown
481a	16 Mar	12.50	12.54	An unidentified aircraft, probably a helicopter, was detected by AWACS flying 3 nautical miles West of Mostar airfield. It was tracked orbiting until it faded 2 nautical miles West of Mostar airfield. This track was re-detected by AWACS at 13.19Z.	Orbiting 43 kts Unknown

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed altitude
481b	16 Mar	13.19	13.24	AWACS re-detected the aforementioned track orbiting 3 nautical miles West of Mostar airfield. It faded 4 minutes later in the same area.	Orbiting 90 kts 750 ft
482	16 Mar	15.15	15.17	An unidentified aircraft was detected by AWACS over Dubrovnik Airfield. It was tracked moving Northeast from Croatia into Bosnia and Herzegovina until it faded from radar 16 nautical miles East of Dubrovnik, over the town of Konjsko. This track is subject to further investigation.	Northeast Unknown Unknown

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Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed altitude
483	16 Mar	15.41	15.46	An unidentified aircraft, probably a helicopter, was detected by AWACS over Mostar airfield. It was tracked until it faded from radar over the town of Sluzany, 7 nautical miles West Southwest of the airfield.	Northeast Unknown Unknown
484	16 Mar	16.35	16.40	An unidentified aircraft, probably a helicopter, was detected by AWACS flying 2 nautical miles South of Gacko. It was tracked until it faded from radar in the area of St. Dulici, 7 nautical miles South of Gacko.	South 93 kts Unknown
				[17 Mar: no violations reported]	